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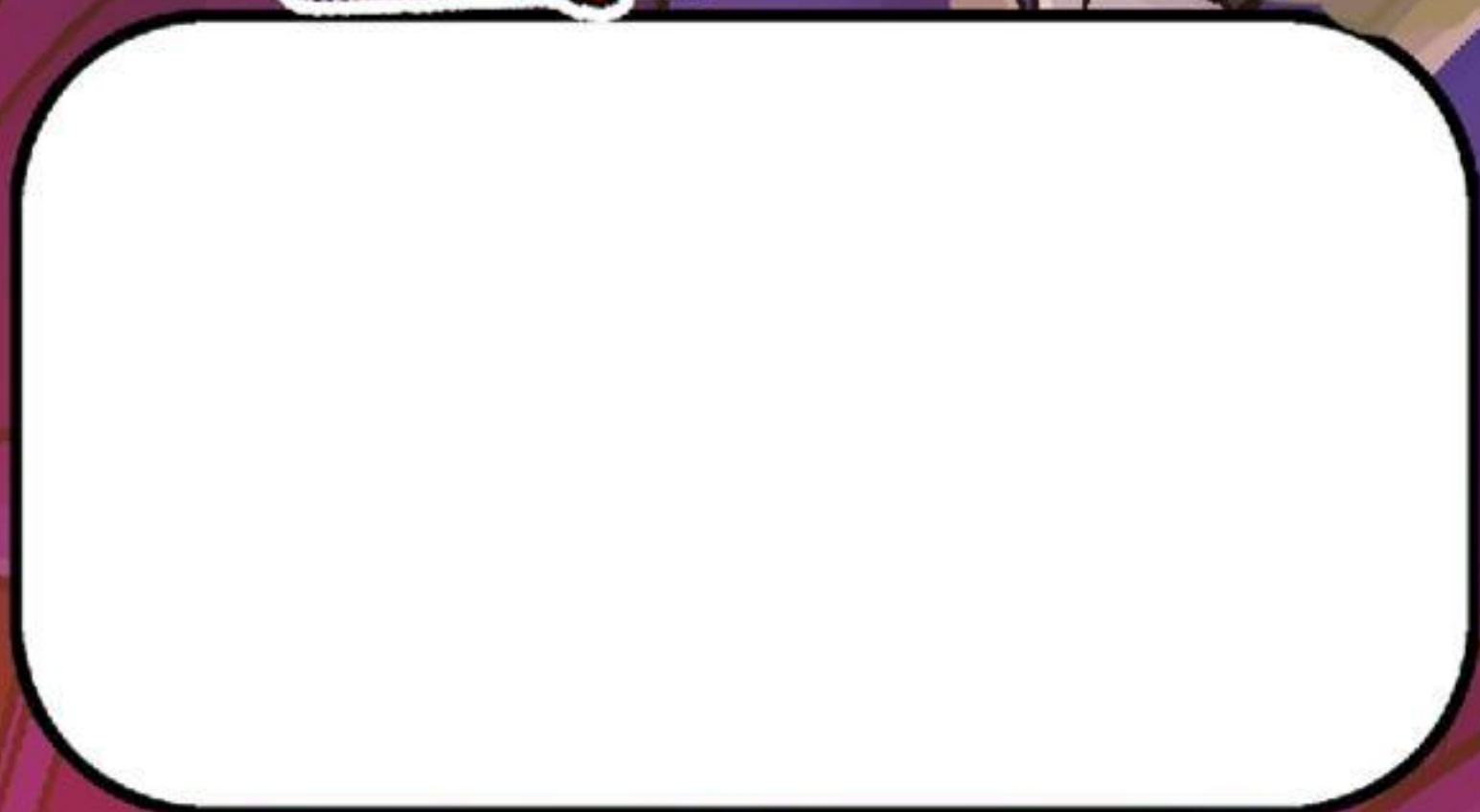
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THE HEDGEHOG
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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

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THE HEDGEHOG



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THE HEDGEHOG
SURVIVE THE THREAT
DESIGNED BY THOSE
WHO KNOW HIM
BEST?

SYSTEM REBOOT

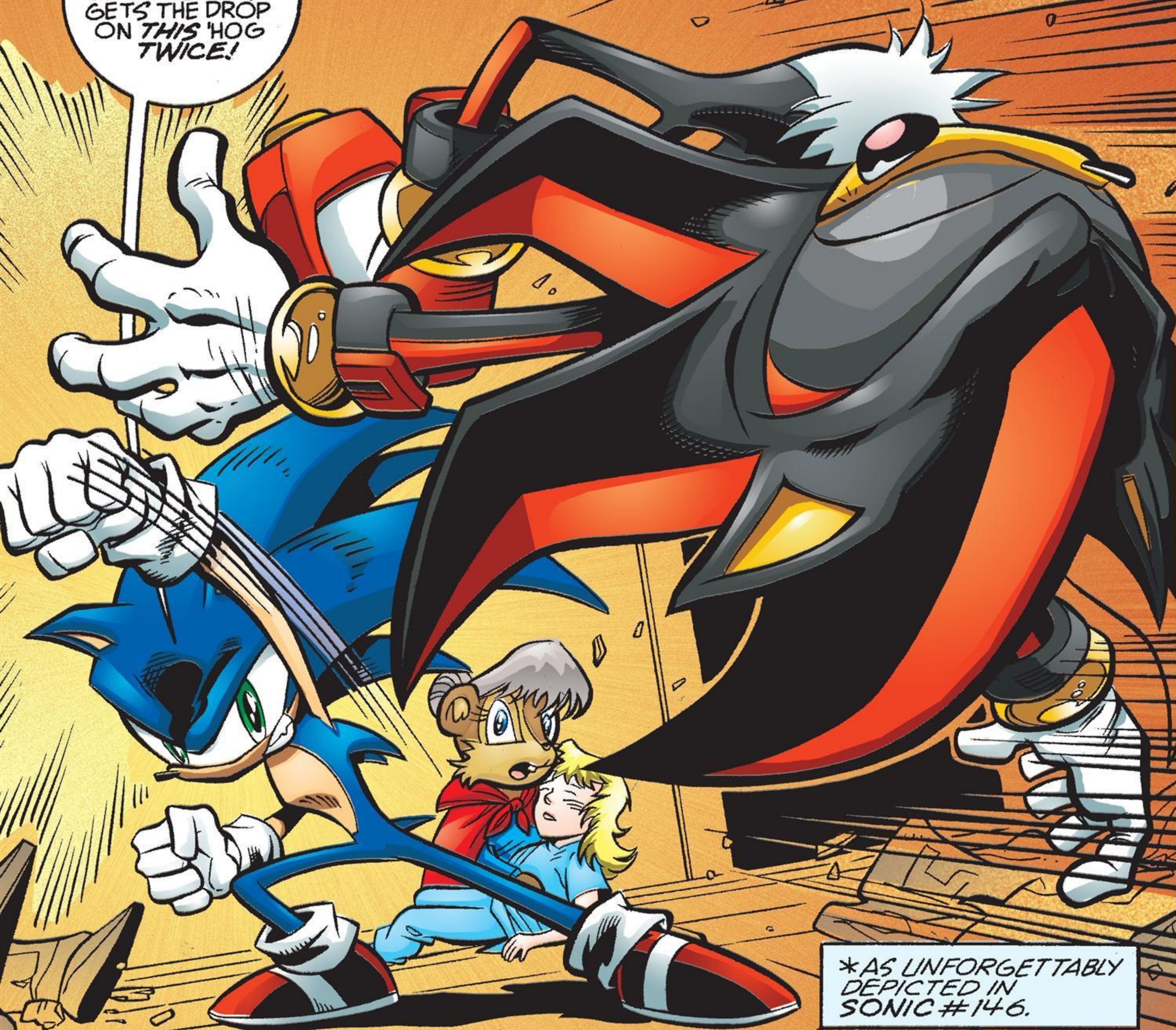
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IF YOU MISSED OUR LAST TWO
ISSUES, JUST BUCKLE UP FOR
THE ACTION AND WE'LL EXPLAIN
AS WE GO ALONG!

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SPECIAL THANKS
TO ROBERT LEFFLER
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AT SEGA LICENSING

YOU GOT
YOUR LICKS IN
LAST TIME--*
BUT NOBODY
GETS THE DROP
ON THIS 'HOG
TWICE!



*AS UNFORGETTABLY
DEPICTED IN
SONIC #146.



READY TO
CALL IT A
DAY?



I HAVEN'T
EVEN
STARTED,
HEDGEHOG!

IN CASE
YOU HADN'T
NOTICED, PAL
--I'M **NOT** ONE
OF THE **SHINY**
METALLIC
MODELS
TRASHING
EVERYTHING
IN SIGHT!

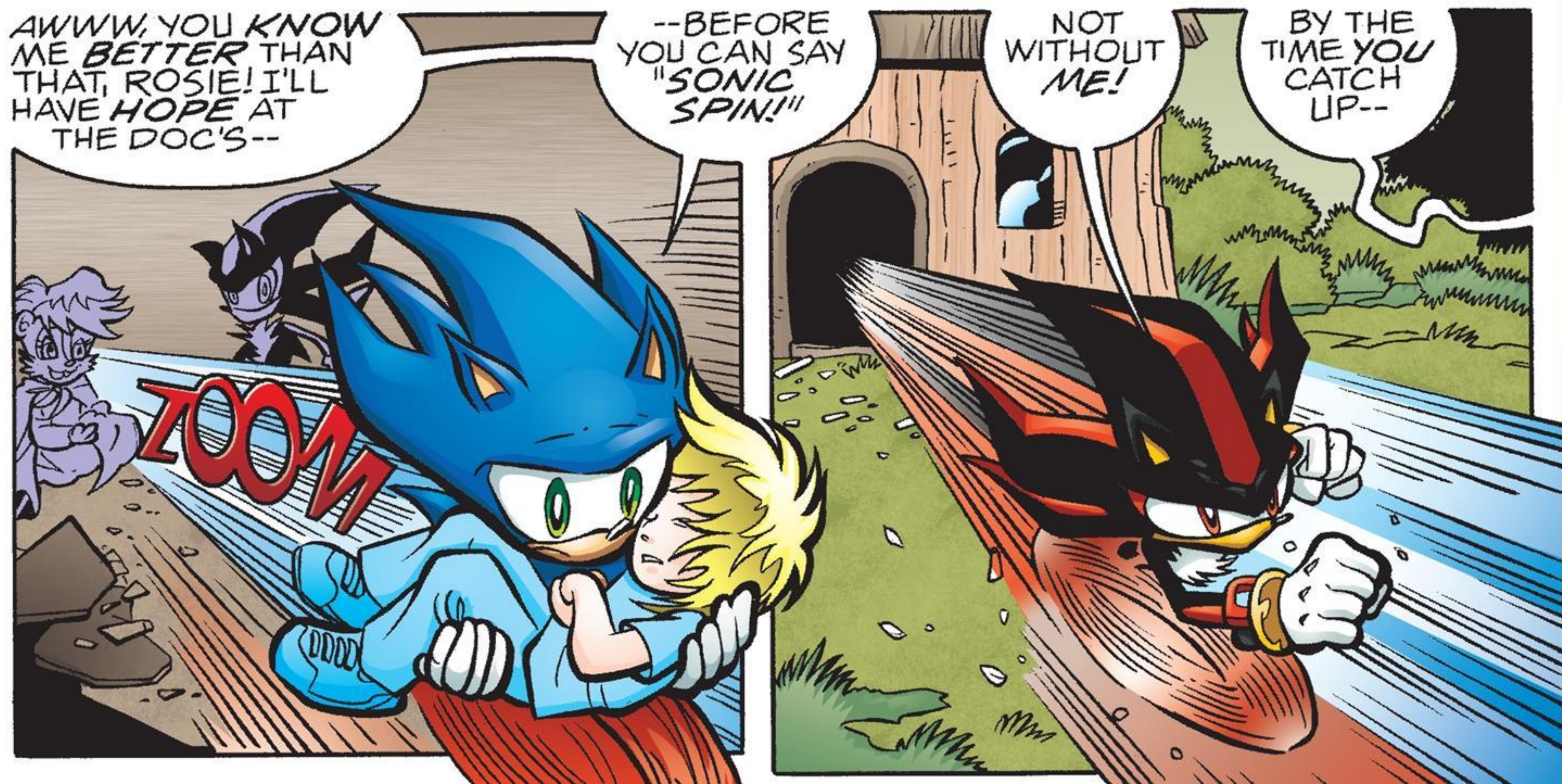
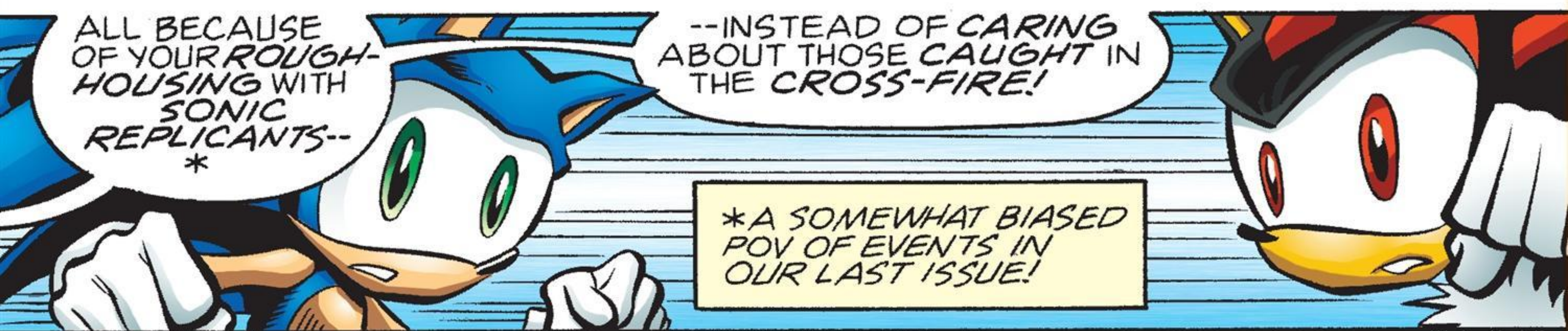
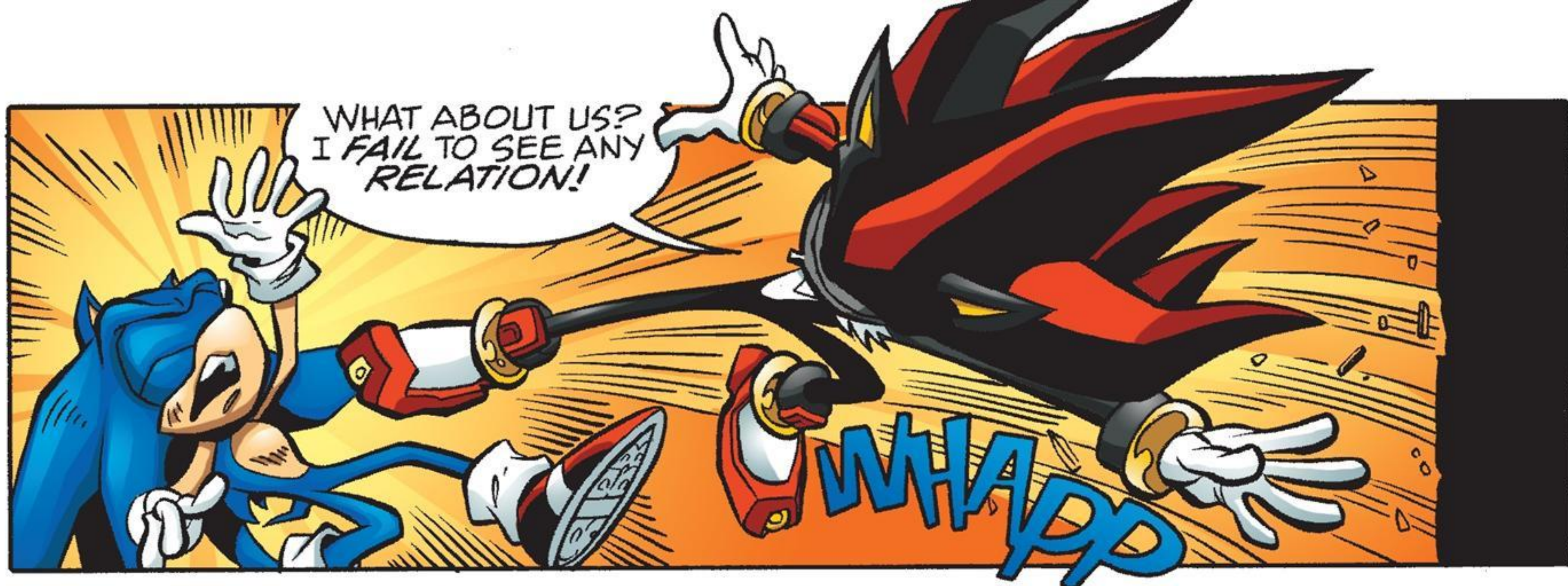


THEN HOW ELSE
TO EXPLAIN THEIR
VERY **LIKENESS** OF
YOU--WHICH IMPLIES
AT LEAST SOME
CONNECTION!

YEAH,
WELL--

--RESEMBLANCE
DOESN'T **EQUAL**
RELATION! TAKE
US!

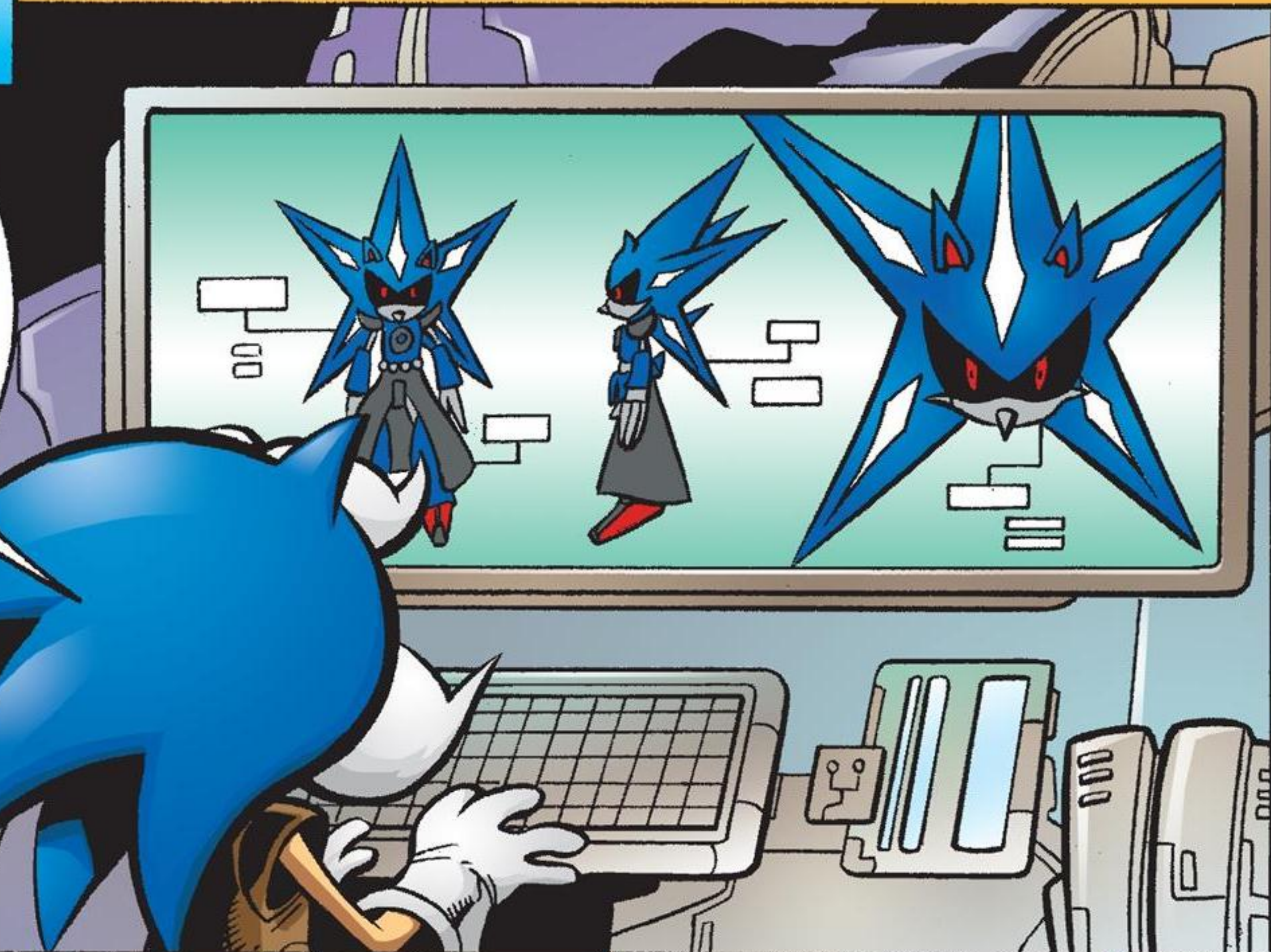




"--SHE'LL BE WITH
DOC AT THE CASTLE!..."

OUTER SHELL
CONSTRUCTED OF A
SPECIAL IRON-
TITANIUM ALLOY!
ITS HARDWARE WOULD
BE STATE-OF-THE-ART,
WERE IT NOT FOR THE
NANITES! EXACTLY
ONE HUNDRED
WERE BUILT TO
PROTECT THE
KINGDOM!

SO NATURALLY,
WE DESIGNED
THE METAL SONIC
TROOPERS IN
THE IMAGE OF
OUR GREATEST
WARRIOR--
WHOM WE
BELIEVED HAD
FALLEN IN THE
LINE OF DUTY!*



...SOB...WHAT ON
MOBIUS WAS I
THINKING?! I SHOULD
NEVER HAVE GONE
ALONG WITH THIS--
THIS INSANITY!

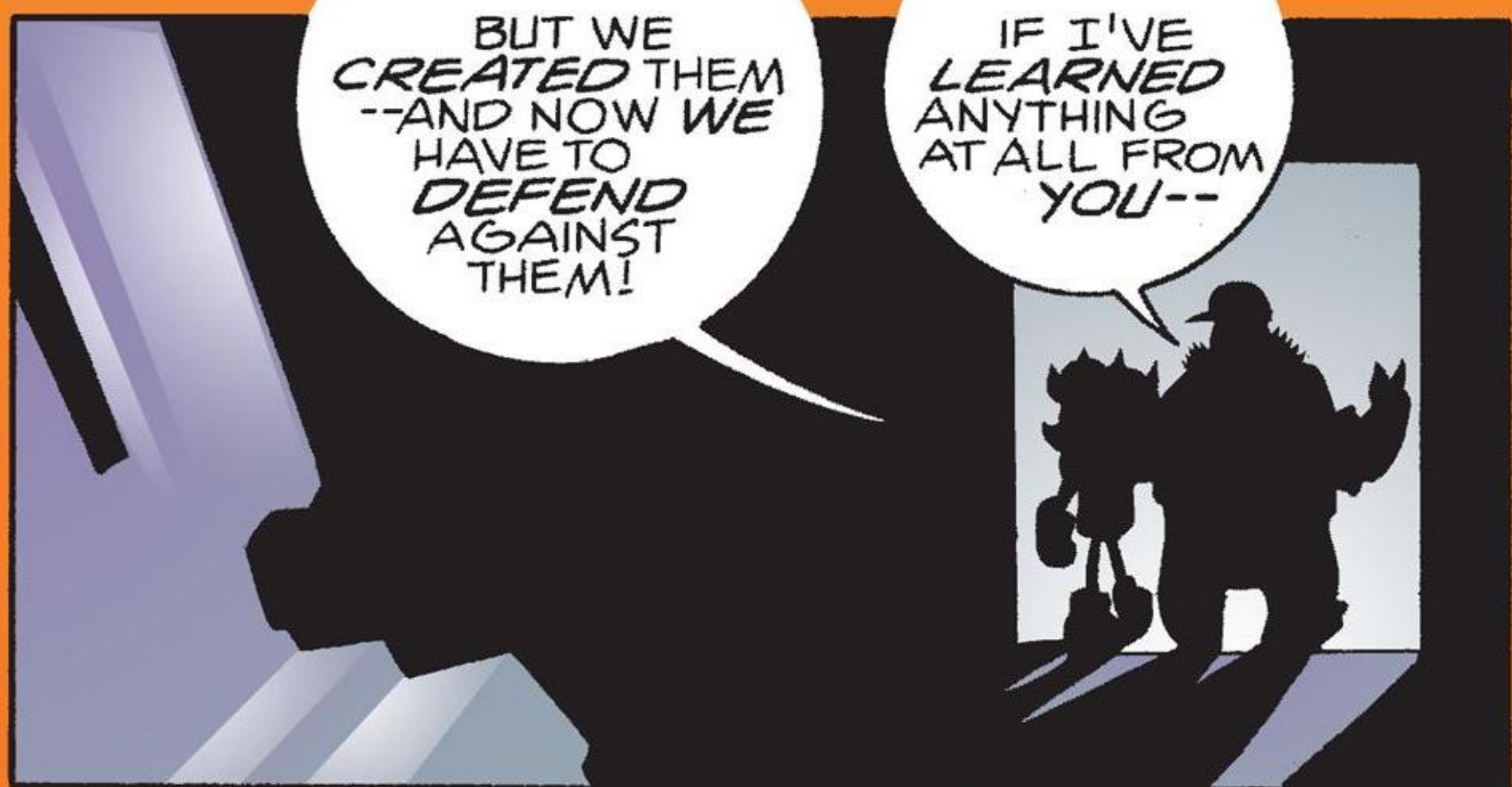


IT WASN'T YOUR IDEA
INITIALLY, SIR! YOU HAVE
NOTHING AT ALL TO
BE ASHAMED OF!



BUT WE
CREATED THEM
--AND NOW WE
HAVE TO
DEFEND
AGAINST
THEM!

IF I'VE
LEARNED
ANYTHING
AT ALL FROM
YOU--



* SIR CHARLES
IS REFERRING
TO EVENTS
DEPICTED
IN SONIC
#125

"--IT'S NOT THE INVENTION
THAT CAUSES THE PROBLEM,
BUT THE PURPOSE FOR
WHICH THE OPERATOR
UTILIZES IT."

LOOK AT THEM!!!
THE MOST FEARSOME
DESTRUCTIVE FORCE YET
UNLEASHED ON THE
PLANET--

--AND I HAD
NOTHING TO DO
WITH IT!

HOW
CAN THIS
BE?

YET THEY DESTROYED MY COMMAND
CENTER*--AND WHATEVER SOURCE
ACTIVATED THEM ALSO COMPROM-
ISED MY SYSTEM SAFEGUARDS!**

*LAST ISSUE,
**SONIC # 157.

NOW THEY'RE
INVADING KNOT-
HOLE--WREAKING
HAVOC ON MY
MOST HATED
OF ENEMIES!

ASTOUNDING!

SUCH DISREGARD
FOR LIFE, LIMB, AND
PROPERTY! WHAT
SUPREME
IRONY--

--THAT I, WHO
MADE ALL OTHERS
TREMBLE, SHOULD
NOW BE REDUCED
TO THEIR LEVEL--

"--DEPENDENT
UPON THAT
BLASTED HEDGE-
HOG TO SAVE THE
DAY..."

I WAS CREATED
FOR A PURPOSE
STILL UNKNOWN
TO ME!

I FAILED
LONG AGO
TO SAVE
MARIA--*

WHAT I DO
KNOW IS THERE
HAVE BEEN ONLY
TWO SENTIENTS
WHO HAVE EVER
EXPRESSED
COMPASSION
FOR ME!

*AS SADLY
RECORDED IN
SONIC # 98.

--BUT SURELY
THERE IS
SOMETHING
I CAN DO
TO SAVE
HOPE!!!

HEY!!!

THOUGH I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT
ENABLES
ME TO
CREATE THE
PORTAL--

"--AT THIS
MOMENT, THAT IS
THE LEAST OF MY
CONCERNS!"

...CHAOS
CONTROL!?!

MEANWHILE, BACK
AT CASTLE ACORN--
FIVE MINUTES
AGO...

ANY SIGN OF
THE INVADERS,
COMMANDER
D'COOLETTE?

EVERYONE
TO THEIR
STATIONS,
MATES!

NOT YET, SIRE!
CONSIDERING
THE TRACKING
SYSTEM
SHOWS THEM
MOVING TRES FAST
ALA SONIC--

--THE REAL
MYSTERY IS WHY
THEY HAD YET
TO BE SIGHTED!
WHY THE
DELAY?

YOU SPOKE
TOO SOON,
COMMANDER!

THERE THEY ARE--
TEARING THROUGH
KNOTHOLE CENTER
ITSELF!

SO MUCH
FOR THE
JAMMING
FAIL-
SAFES!

WHAT
TH--?!!!

BTWOOM!!

SONIC!

HOW DO I
EXPLAIN TO
HIM THAT
FATHER
MEANT
WELL?

YOU!!!
WE NEED
THE DOC
--AND
FAST!!!

SKREECH!!

AND
SHADOW!
BUT HOW--
?!?

HAND HER OVER
TO MY MEDICS,
SON! WE'LL SEE
THAT THE LITTLE
MISS GETS REAL
GOOD CARE!

SEE THAT
SHE DOES,
DOCTOR--

QUACK... HORATIO
QUACK! PERSONAL
PHYSICIAN TO THE
KING HIMSELF, IF
THAT'S ANY
COMFORT!

GOOD ENOUGH!
NOW WHAT?

THAT'S WHAT
I AIM TO
FIND OUT!

SONIC! THANK THE
SOURCE YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT!

I'M STILL TRYING TO
FIGURE OUT WHY YOUR
WHACKED-OUT
DEFENSE PROJECT WAS
EVER **GREENLIGHTED**
IN THE FIRST PLACE!

--SINCE OL'
ROBO-BUTT
WOULD BE
JUST THE
MEGALO-
MANIAC
TO DO
SO?!

DID ANY OF THE
GENIUSES AROUND
HERE EVER CONSIDER
IF ANYONE COULD
BREACH OUR
CYBER-SECURITY
MEASURES--

THAT'S ABOUT
ALL I'LL BE
THANKFUL FOR!

JUST BECAUSE
HE **CREATED** METAL
SONIC **MANY** TIMES
OVER DOESN'T MEAN HE
OWNS THE **PATENT**!

AND IT DOESN'T
GIVE **ANYONE**
ELSE THE RIGHT
TO INVOLVE ME
IN THEIR
CRACKPOT
SCHEMES!

I WASN'T
THE ONE WHO
AUTHORIZED
THE PROJECT!

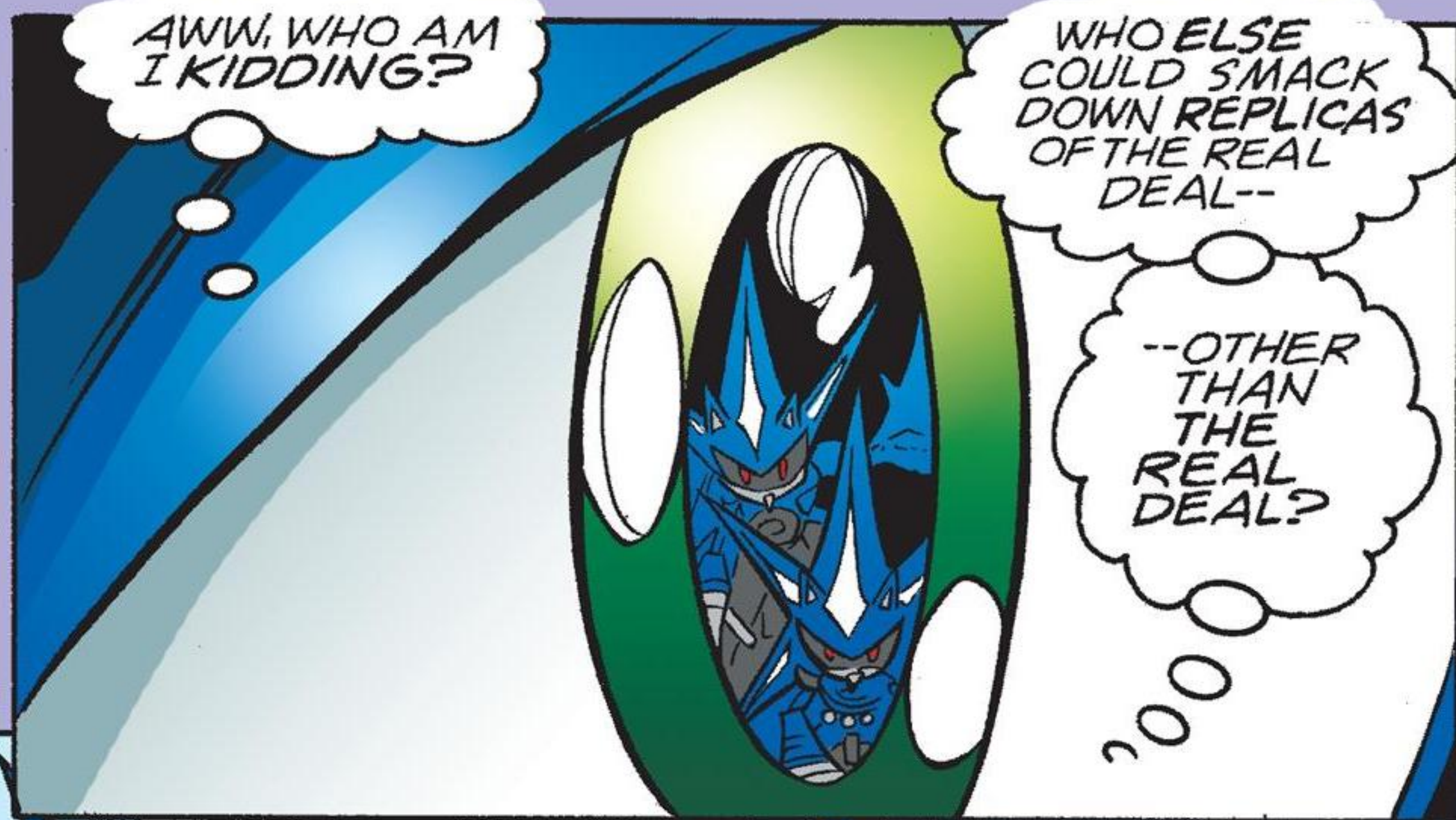
WE'LL DEAL
WITH THAT
LATER!

WE HAVE
MORE
URGENT
MATTERS TO
ATTEND!

BY "WE,"
YOU MEAN
"ME"...!
I'M ON
IT!



THIS HERO-JAZZ CAN BE A PAIN AT TIMES! JUST ONCE, I'D LIKE TO SEE SOMEONE ELSE LEAD THE CHARGE!



AWW, WHO AM I KIDDING?

WHO ELSE COULD SMACK DOWN REPLICAS OF THE REAL DEAL--

--OTHER THAN THE REAL DEAL?



ONE BLUE BLUR COMING THROUGH!!! YOU SIMULATED-SONICS ARE GOING DOWN!

KLANG!
KLANG!



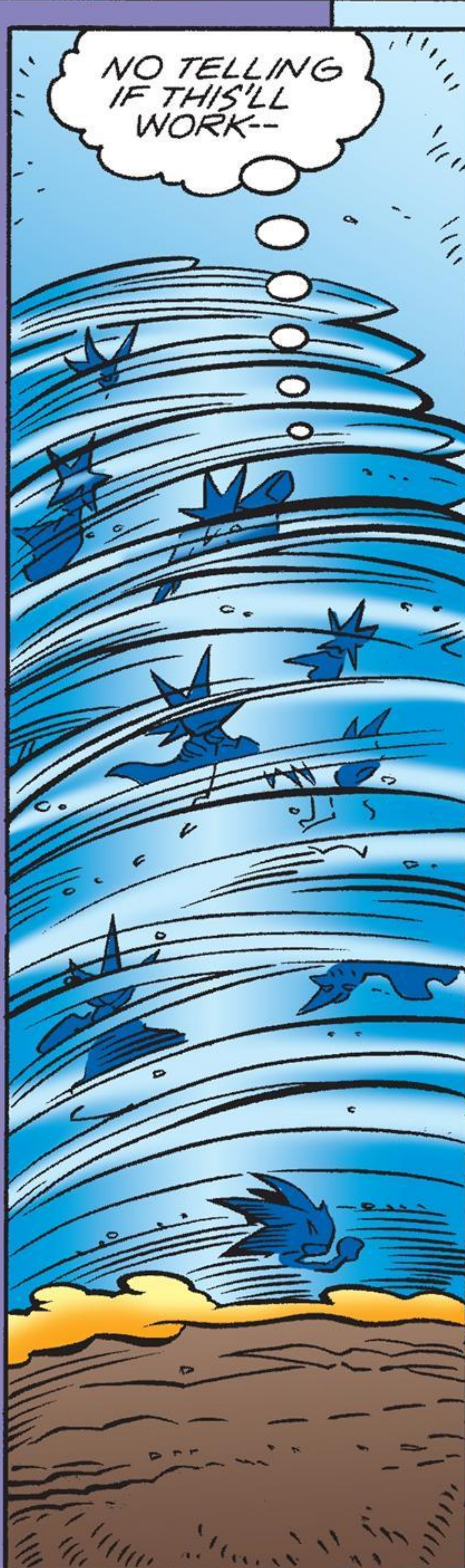
CORRECTION: IT IS YOU WHO FACES ELIMINATION--

ZZAPP



--ALONG WITH ANY WHO THREATEN THE KINGDOM'S EXISTENCE!

WHICH KINGDOM IS THAT? LAST I HEARD, THIS IS ONE YOU'RE PROGRAMMED TO PROTECT!





--IF THIS
SCRAMBLES
THEIR
CIRCUITS
ENOUGH--

--ALONG
WITH
THE
FALL--



--THAT
MAY BE
ENOU--

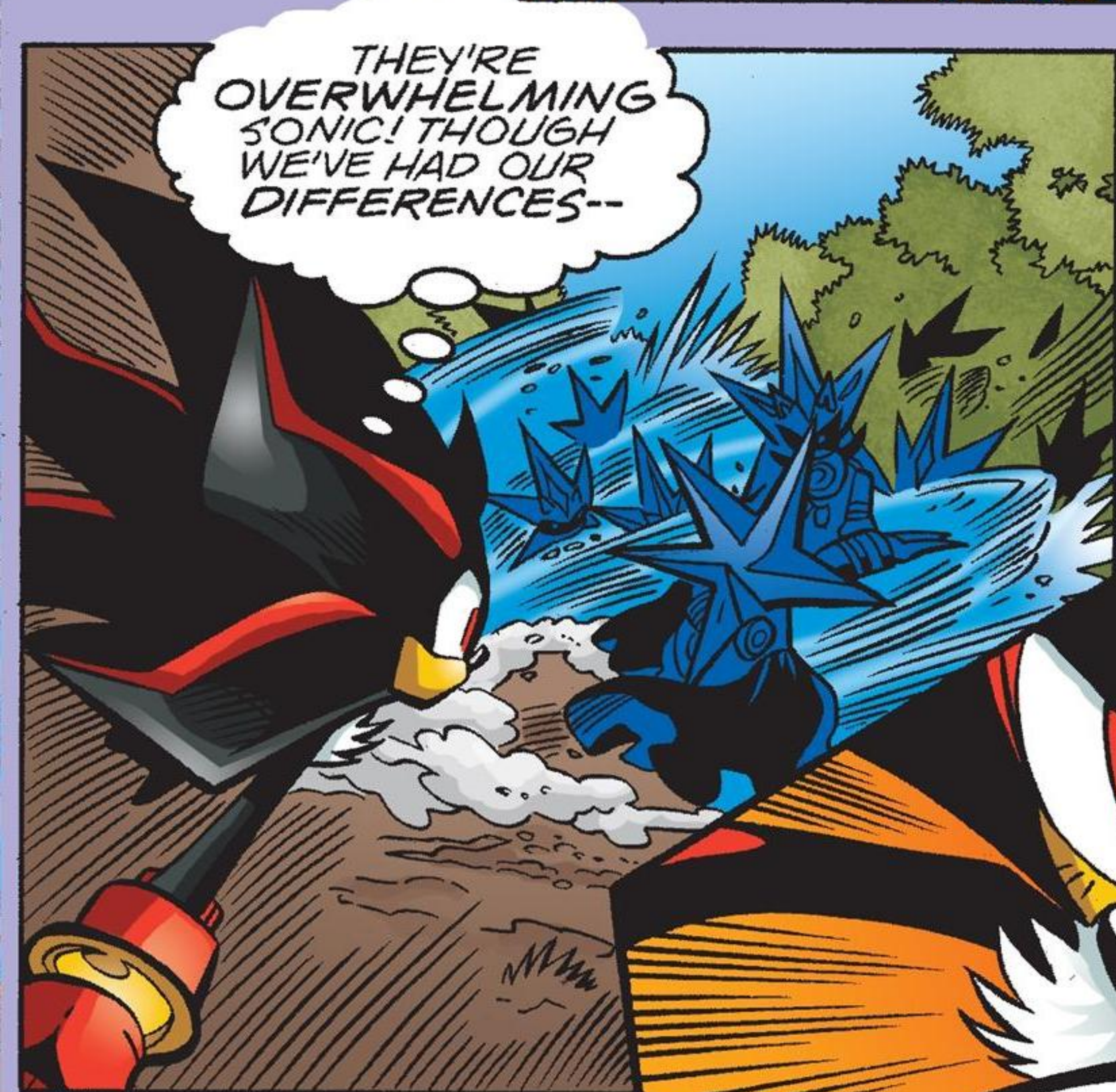
UGH!

WHAM



WE WERE
MODELLED
TO SERVE IN
YOUR STEAD
--AND YET
YOU ATTACK
US!

YEAH--GASP--
MUST BE THOSE
MISPLACED
PRIORITIES OF
YOURS!



THEY'RE
OVERWHELMING
SONIC! THOUGH
WE'VE HAD OUR
DIFFERENCES--



--I CANNOT
ALLOW HIM
TO FALL
THIS WAY!



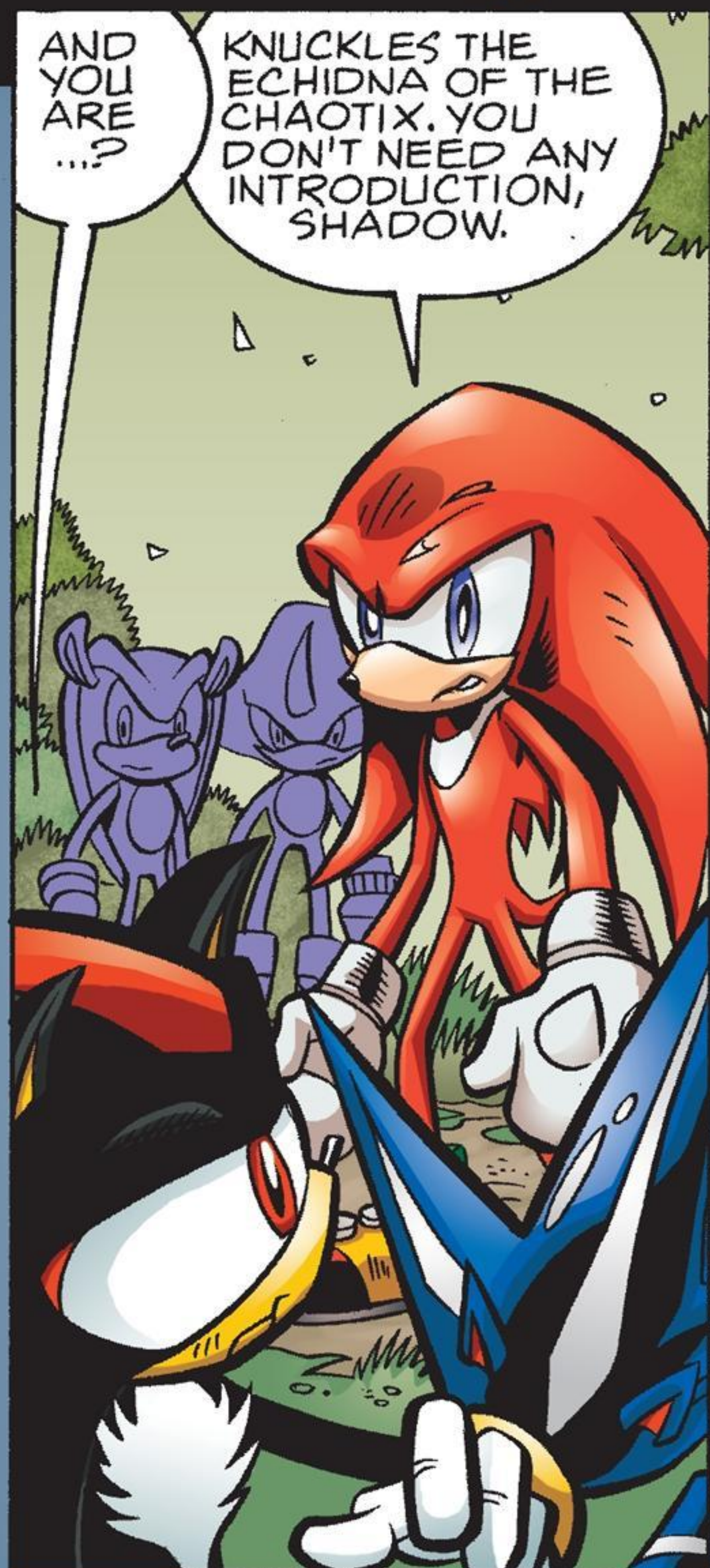
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

ALL I DID WAS RAISE MY HAND--

--AND NOW ALL ARE DEMOBILIZED!

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

CHAOS CONTROL?



AND YOU ARE ...?

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA OF THE CHAOTIX. YOU DON'T NEED ANY INTRODUCTION, SHADOW.



YOU KNOW NOTHING OF CHAOS CONTROL, KNUCKLES. I REQUIRE A CHAOS EMERALD TO PERFORM THAT TECHNIQUE.

NOT IF YOU DREW THE POWER FROM THE CHAOS FORCE.



BUT ONLY US GUARDIANS HAVE EVER BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL SOME OF THAT POWER.

I AM THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM FOR SURE.

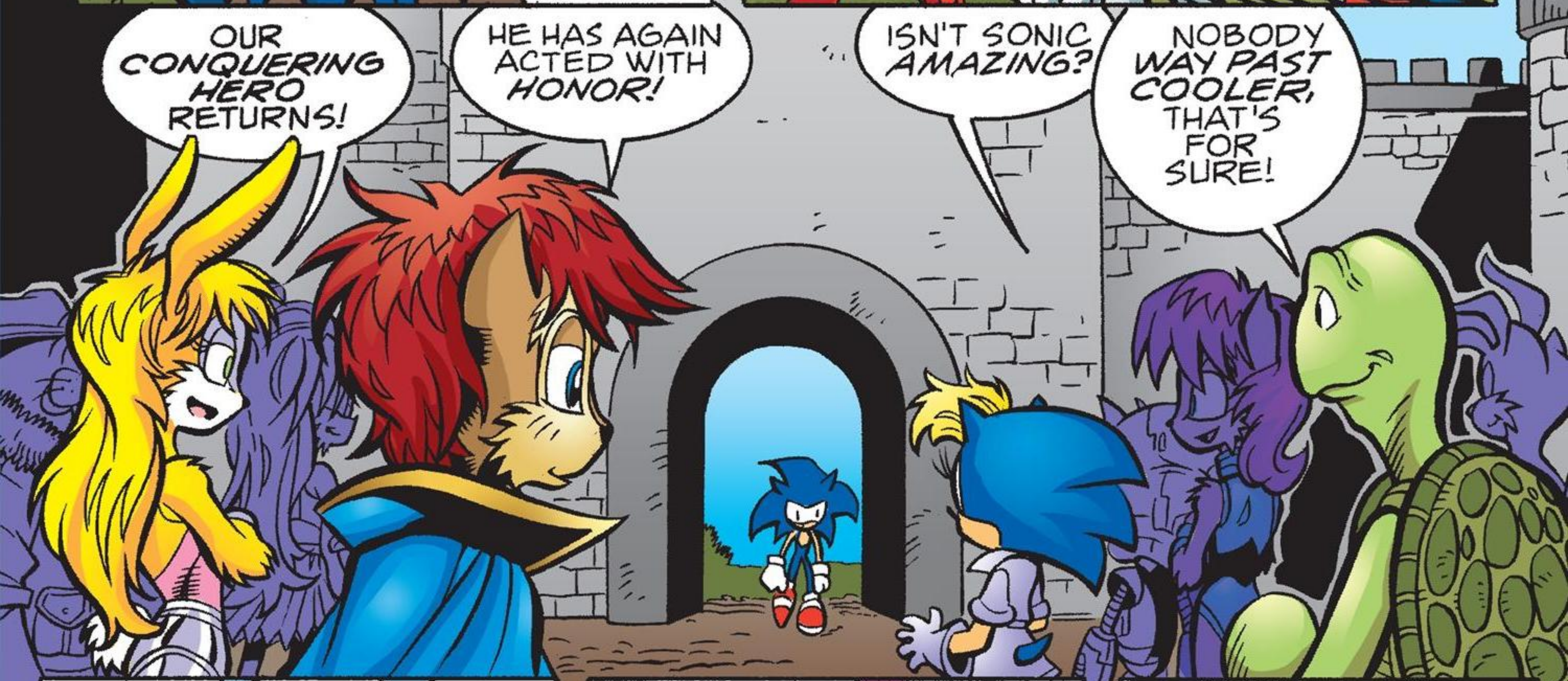


CAN WE TURN DOWN THE VOLUME? OOH, MY HEAD...



FINISHED RESTING, BLUE HEDGEHOG?

SHUT UP, FAKER.





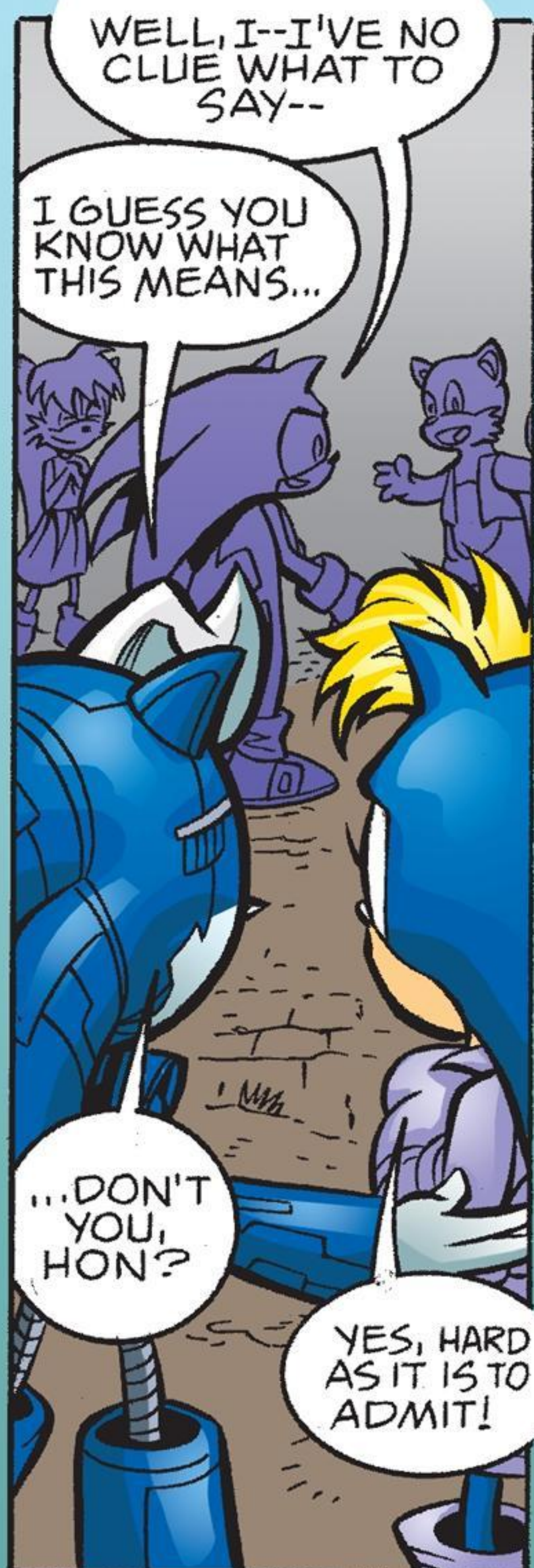
--I'D LIKE TO AWARD YOU OUR MEDAL OF HONOR FOR SERVICES RENDERED ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY!

I COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN THEM ALL OUT, YOUR HIGHNESS! THERE MUST HAVE BEEN AT LEAST--

NONSENSE! SIR CHARLES'S VIDEO LOGS HAVE A COMPLETE RECORD OF YOUR ACTIONS! FURTHERMORE, YOU ARE NOW HEREBY ASSIGNED THE RANK OF GENTLEMAN-AT-ARMS, ALONG WITH ALL ITS ATTENDANT OBLIGATIONS AND PRIVILEGES!



I'LL EXPLAIN WHAT THAT MEANS LATER! RIGHT NOW, I BELIEVE CELEBRATIONS ARE IN ORDER! CONGRATULATIONS, SONIC!



WELL, I--I'VE NO CLUE WHAT TO SAY--

I GUESS YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS...

...DON'T YOU, HON?

YES, HARD AS IT IS TO ADMIT!



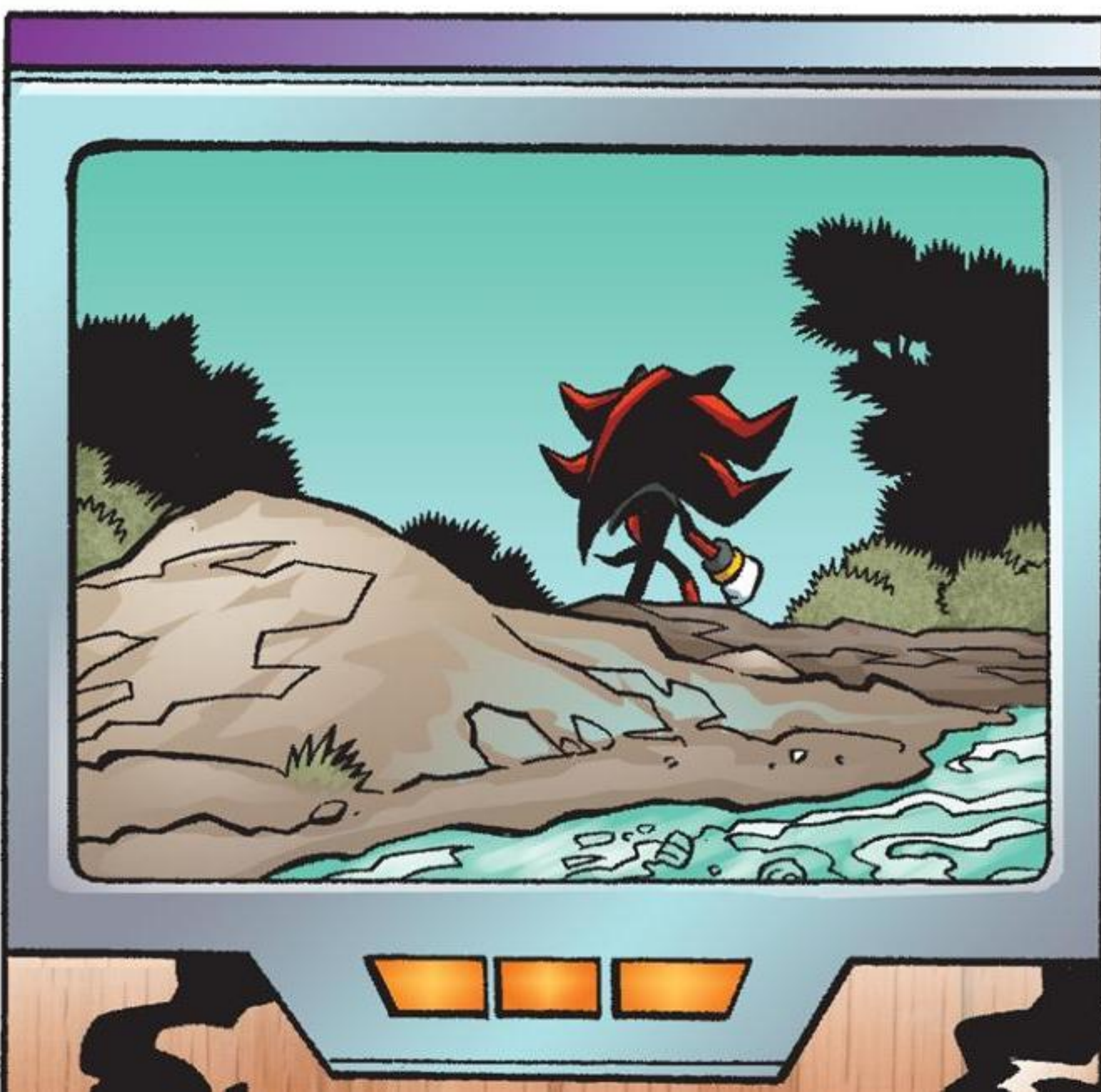
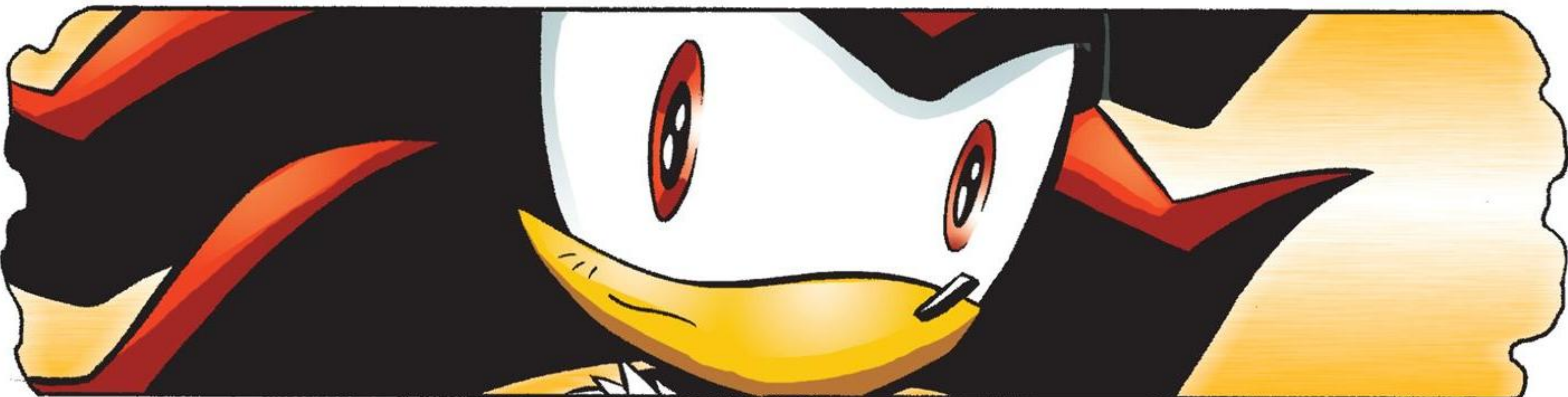
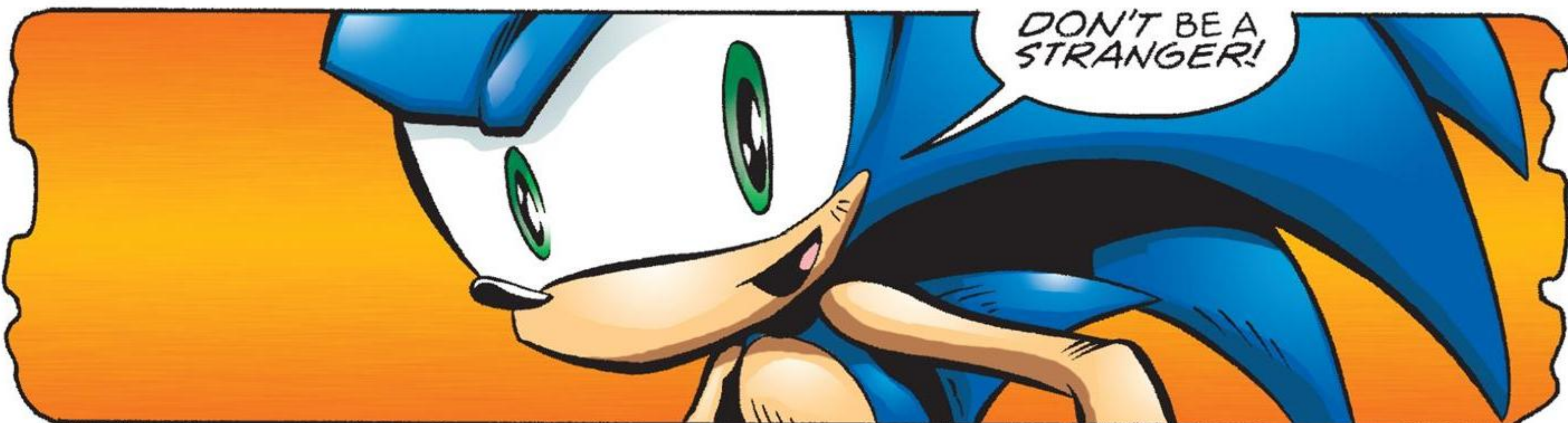
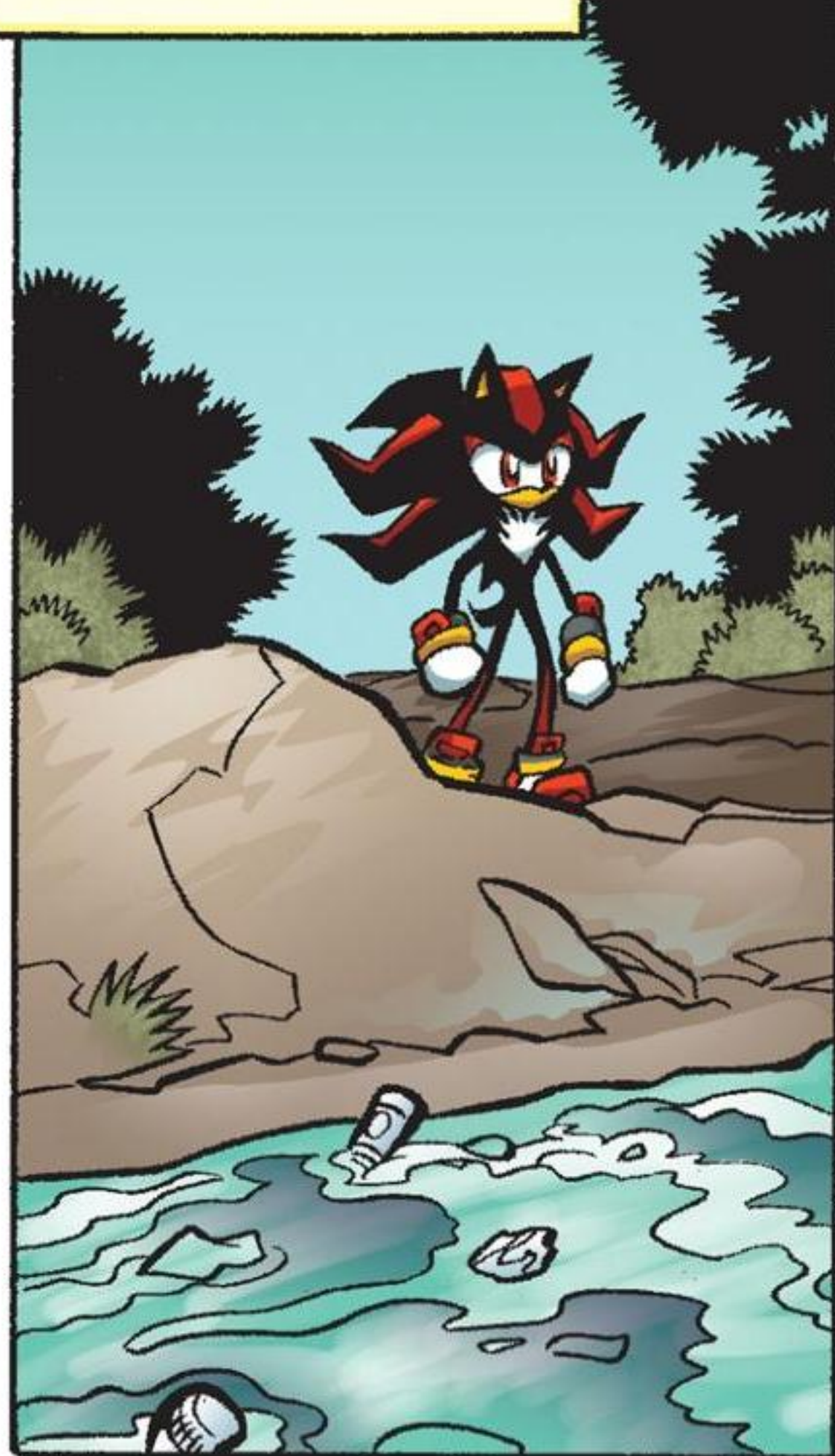
HE'S NOT OUR LITTLE ONE ANY MORE!

I KNOW! HE'S OUR LITTLE ONE-AT-ARMS!



SO WHO WANTS TO PARTY?!!!!

ELSEWHERE, AT
THAT SAME
MOMENT..



THE
END
FOR
NOW!

GOOD
MORNING,
FATHER.

BAH!
WHAT'S SO
GOOD ABOUT
IT?

COME TO
THINK OF IT, I CAN'T
RECALL A GOOD
MORNING WITHIN
RECENT MEMORY!

YOUR RESEARCH
CONTINUES AND YOUR
LIEUTENANTS CONTINUE
MAINTAINING YOUR
INFRASTRUCTURE.

MY
LIEUTENANTS?!!

SNIVELING WORMS
LOOKING TO STAB ME
IN THE BACK AT THE
FIRST CHANCE --

-- JUST LIKE THAT
TREACHEROUS
WEASEL,
SNIVELY!!!

THE DESPICABLE DR. ROBOTNIK

INSIDIOUS

CAN YOU
IMAGINE?
BETRAYING ME
TO MY *WORST*
ENEMY IN ALL
THE WORLD?!

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WOULDN'T YOU AGREE
THAT AN EXAMPLE SHOULD
BE MADE TO ENSURE THE
CONTINUING LOYALTY OF
THOSE STILL SERVING YOU?

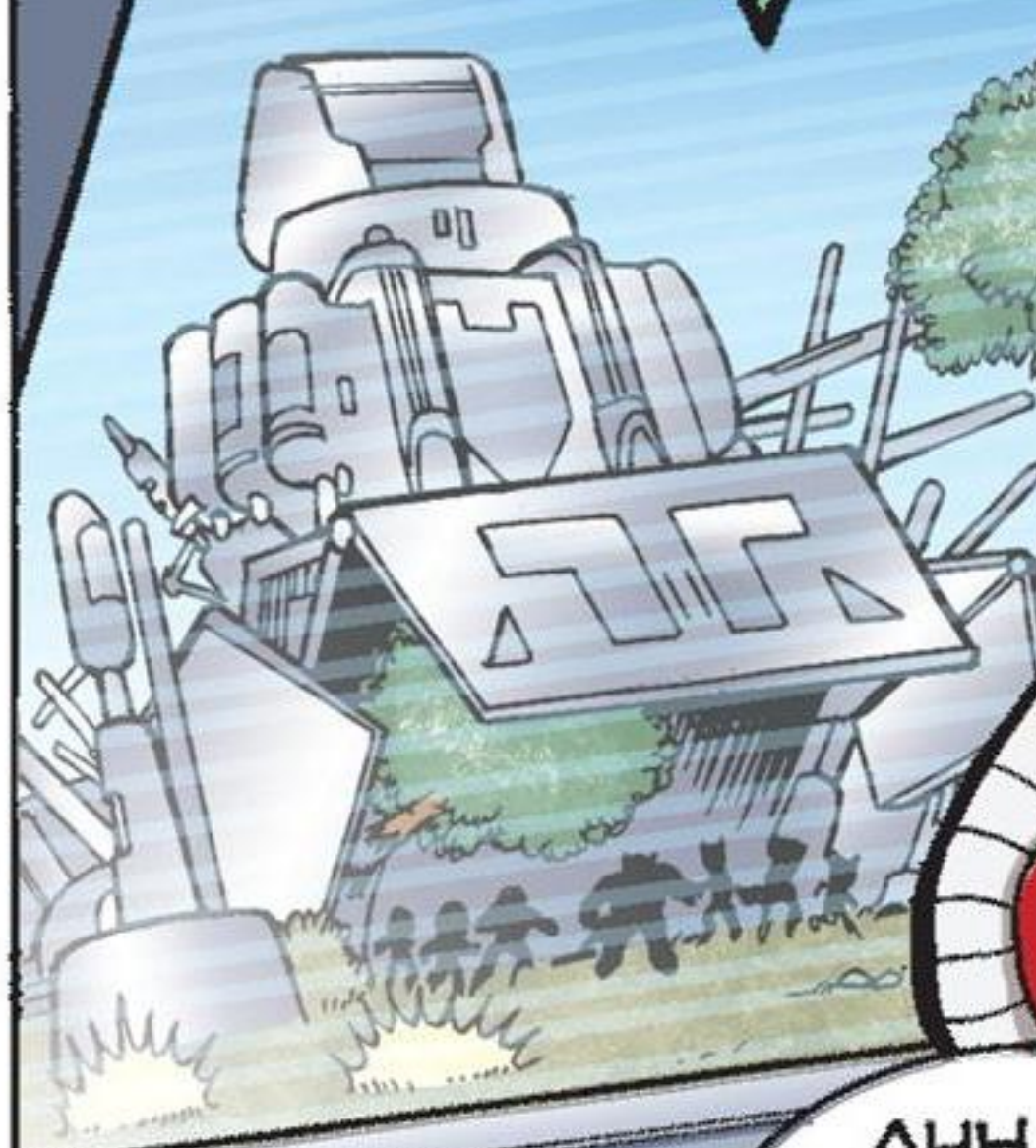
BEYOND QUESTION -- -- AND PAINFULLY SO!



BUT THE ONE I DESIRE ABOVE ALL TO SEE THE *UTMOST EXCRUTIATING PUNISHMENT* INFLECTED UPON IS CURRENTLY BEYOND MY REACH!

THE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS OTHERWISE, FATHER.

PERHAPS THIS VISUAL LOG OF EXPERIMENT X-51 WILL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY.



AHH, YES! I DIDN'T REALIZE RECREATING METAL SONIC COULD GET SO OUT OF HAND!

AS YOU CAN SEE, A SAMPLE OF NANITES WAS DRAWN FOR EXAMINATION. *



* VISUAL LOG SEQUENCES OF EVENTS AS SEEN IN SONIC #152.

EGADS! THOSE FOOLS CAN NOW ACCESS MY TECHNOLOGY!

IT'S HARD ENOUGH STAYING AHEAD WITHOUT HANDING OVER *PROPRIETARY* INFORMATION ON A *PLATTER!*

TURNABOUT CAN ALSO BE FAIR PLAY, EVEN WHEN UNINTENTIONAL.

THIS VIDEO STREAM WAS RECEIVED WHEN THE NANITES WERE TRANSMITTING TO THEIR OWN KIND ELSEWHERE.



YOU MEAN THEY *COMMUNICATE* AMONGST EACH OTHER DESPITE WHATEVER *DISTANCE* OF SEPARATION?

AFFIRMATIVE.

NOT EVEN A RADICAL CHANGE OF ENVIRONMENT COULD DISRUPT THE SIGNAL.



FREEZE FRAME THE *AERIAL* ACROBATICS!

SINCE *WHEN* COULD NANITES *DEFY* GRAVITY?

JET ENGINES ARE BUT ONE OUT OF AN INFINITE NUMBER OF CONFIGURATIONS THE NANITES ARE CAPABLE OF.

AFFIRMATIVE.

NOW SWITCHING TO REAL-TIME TRANSMISSION.

SO THE *SAMPLE ROTOR EXTRACTED* IS NOW LINKED TO THE TURTLE *SYMBIOTICALLY*?

A CORRIDOR!!

WHY ON MOBIUS WOULD I BE INTERESTED IN THAT?!!

IT'S WHERE THE CORRIDOR LEADS TO THAT MAY INTEREST YOU.

JUST PRESS YOUR PALM DOWN ON THE *SCANNER* HERE WHILE LOOKING STRAIGHT AHEAD INTO THE CAMERA IN FRONT OF YOU, TOMMY!

AUDIO ON.

SIR CHARLES AND HIS BROTHER JULES!

WHAT COULD THEY BE UP TO? CAN WE GET *SOUND*?

"WHAT JUST HAPPENED, A.D.A.M.? I DON'T UNDERSTAND."

"THE COMPUTER CONSOLE BEING A NATURAL SOURCE OF RAW MATERIALS ENABLING THE NANITES TO MULTIPLY AND GROW."

"I TRANSMITTED A SIGNAL, FATHER, TRIGGERING A GROWTH SPURT IN THE NANITES."

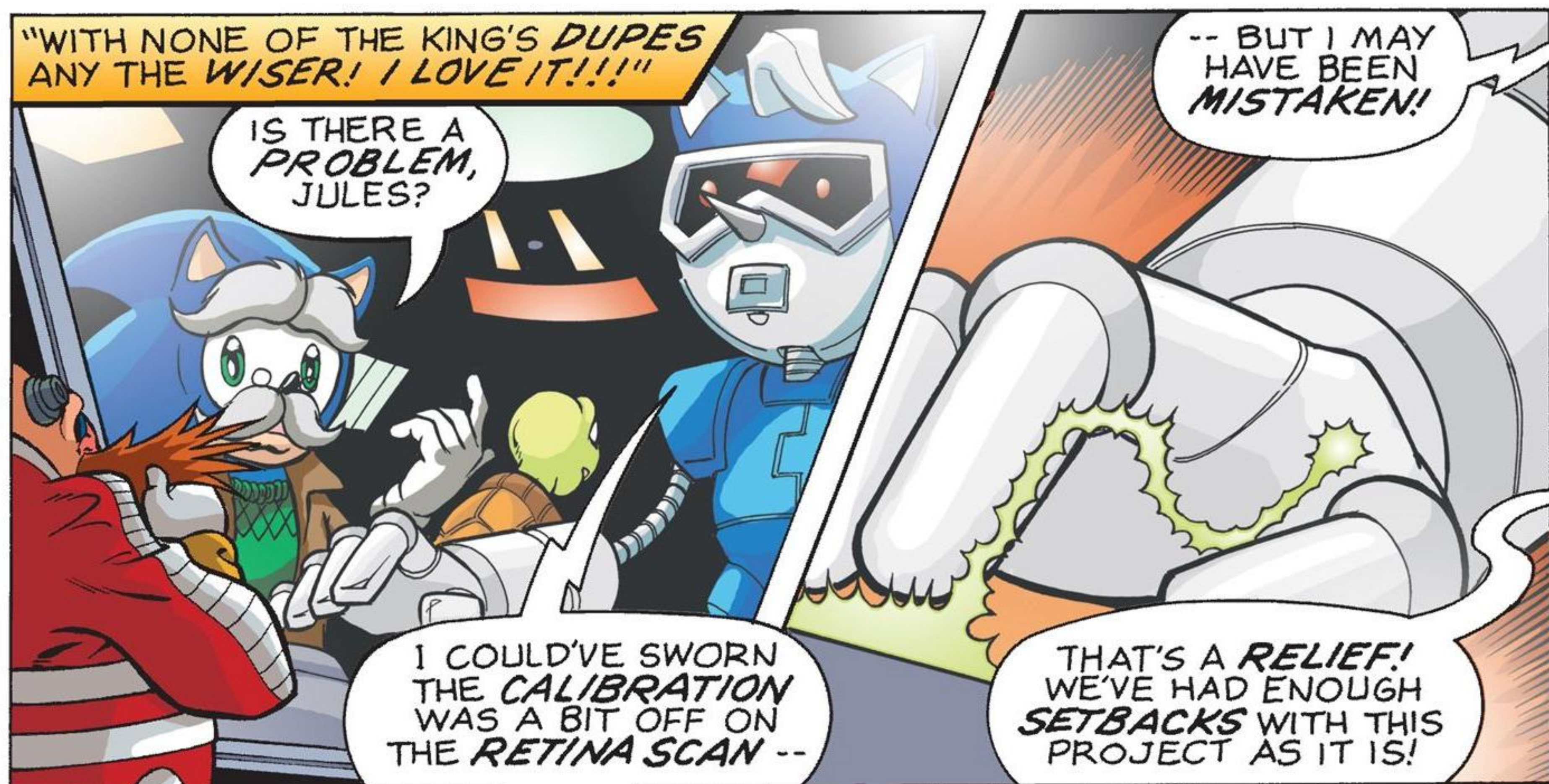
"BUT FOR WHAT PURPOSE..?"



AHA!!!

HOW
BRILLIANT!!
HOW **UTTERLY**
DEVIOUS!!!

YOU'RE ABLE TO
COMMUNICATE
WITH THE **NANITES**,
AND THUS **MANIPU-**
LATE THEM TO DO
MY **BIDDING!!**



"WITH NONE OF THE KING'S **DUPES**
ANY THE **WISER!** I **LOVE IT!!!!**"

IS THERE A
PROBLEM,
JULES?

-- BUT I MAY
HAVE BEEN
MISTAKEN!

I COULD'VE SWORN
THE **CALIBRATION**
WAS A BIT OFF ON
THE **RETINA SCAN** --

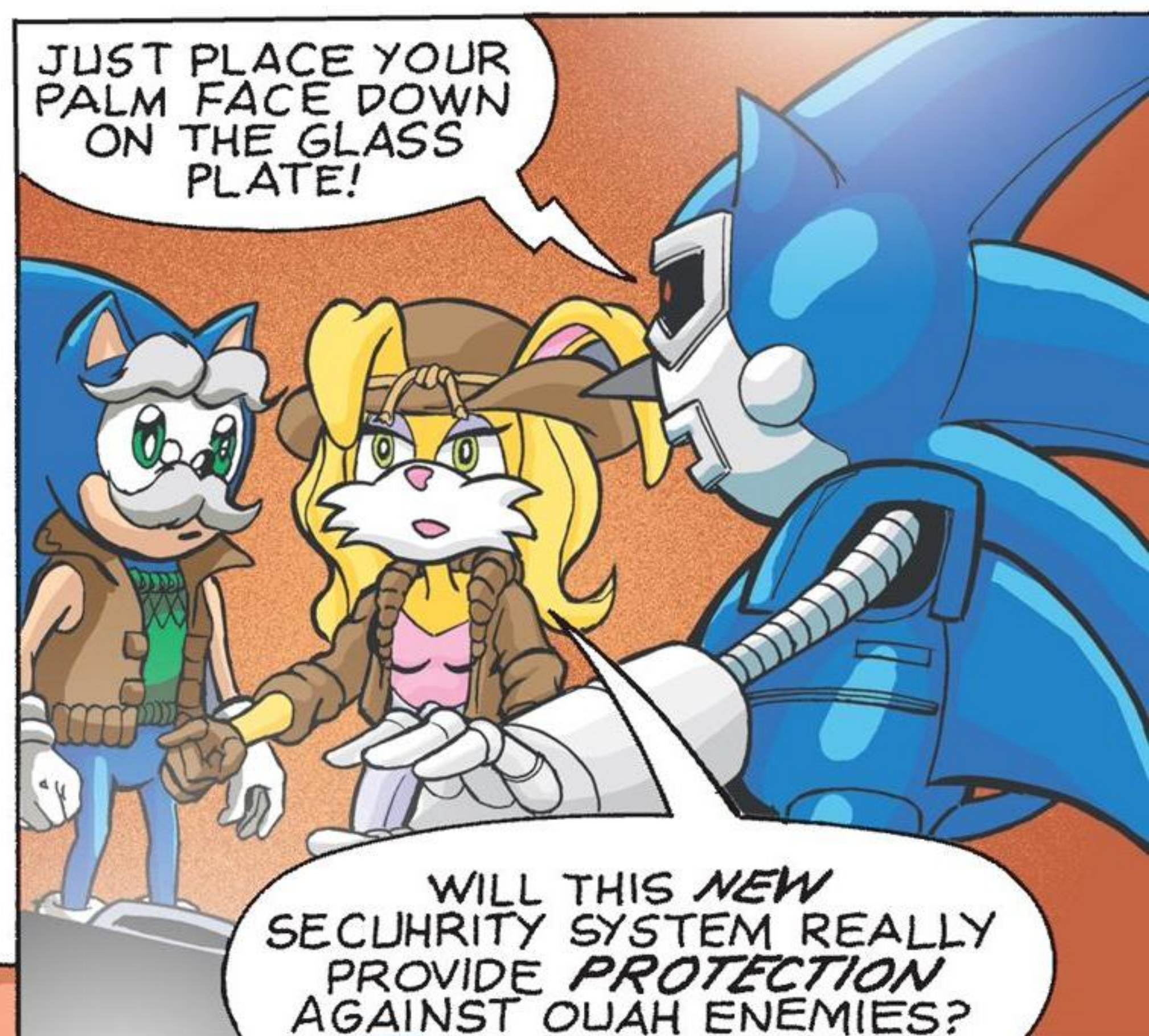
THAT'S A **RELIEF!**
WE'VE HAD ENOUGH
SETBACKS WITH THIS
PROJECT AS IT IS!



SO THE **NANITES**
HAVE INFILTRATED
THE **ROBOTICIZED**
HEDGEHOG'S
SYSTEM?

AFFIRMATIVE.

NEXT!
STEP RIGHT
UP, **BUNNIE!**



JUST PLACE YOUR
PALM FACE DOWN
ON THE GLASS
PLATE!

WILL THIS **NEW**
SECURITY SYSTEM REALLY
PROVIDE **PROTECTION**
AGAINST **OUAH** ENEMIES?

"BEYOND A
DOUBT!!"

SUCH
SWEETNESS!
SUCH **FAITH!**

WHO COULD
POSSIBLY
BETRAY SUCH
A **TRUSTING**
YOUNG SOUL?

THEN SHE IS NOT TO BE INFILTRATED?

ON THE
CONTRARY,
A.D.A.M.!

SHE'LL MAKE A
WONDERFUL **AGENT**
WHEN THE TIME IS
RIGHT! SEE TO IT!

THIS IS ALMOST
TOO EASY! LIKE
TAKING CANDY
FROM **SNIVELY**!

YOU'RE CERTAIN
WE'RE NOT
DEPLETING OUR
SUPPLY OF
NANITES?

NEGATIVE. THE MICROCHIPS
AND ELECTRICAL CHARGES FROM
THE MAIN CONSOLE PROVIDE
MORE THAN ENOUGH
SUSTENANCE FOR THE NANITES.

OF ALL THE
@#&%!&\$ -- !!

IF YOU MESSED
THIS ONE UP,
A.D.A.M., I'LL
REPROGRAM YOU
INTO A **STEMBOLT**
REPLICATOR!

WAIT! THE RAB-BOT
SEEMS TO BE GETTING
WOOZY! THIS COULD BE
A **PROBLEM**!

DON'T WORRY,
SIR CHARLES!
I'LL BE ALL
RIGHT!

WHO SAYS ALL
NEWS IS **BAD**
NEWS?

I CAN'T
WAIT TO
SEE **WHO'S**
UP **NEXT**!

**NOW WE'RE
TALKING!!!**

BY THE TIME I'M
DONE WITH **HIM**, IT'LL
GIVE **NEW** MEANING TO
THE WORD "**TWISTED**"!

UNFORTUNATELY, THE HEDGEHOG IS ORGANIC AND NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE NANITES--

D'OH!

THEN HOW DO YOU *EXPLAIN* THE NANITES ON THAT *BLASTED TURTLE*?

-- WHEREAS THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF THE SHELL IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE NANITES.

AS THE HEDGEHOG OFFERED NO SUCH COMPATIBILITY, OUR NEXT SUBJECT MORE THAN MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIRED STANDARDS.

NO KIDDING!

THE *PRINCESS* RELIES HEAVILY ON THAT *PORTABLE MAINFRAME*!

DON'T SPARE THE *LITTLE BUGGERS* ON *THIS ONE*, A.D.A.M.!

"YES! EXCELLENT, A.D.A.M.!"

THE PLAN IS PERFECT! FINALLY...

I'M BACK IN BUSINESS!!!

I'LL NOW KNOW *EVERYTHING* THEY DO AND SAY --

-- AND WHEN THEY *LEAST* EXPECT IT, THAT'S THE TIME I'LL *STRIKE*!

HAHAHAHAHAHA